Martin Teetor, inventor of an adding machine,
and the Teetor Adding Machine Company he headed.

Some time ago I searched for information about adding machines, and other office appliances. I found ads and articles about a Teetor adding machine, that I had never read or heard about. This lead to a search for the history of the Teetor Adding Machine Company, and of Martin Teetor, the man behind it.

Martin Teetor was born November 11 1862. He married Minnie J. Randolph April 8 1888. They had a daughter, Evelyn.

Martin Teetor was a watchmaker with the Marquard wholesale jewelry house. Repairing adding machines he became interested in their construction. He designed and built the Teetor adding and subtracting machine. The Teetor Adding Machine Company was formed December 18 1916.

Martin Teetor died of paralysis December 24 1920.

On December 24 1921 a fire destroyed the building where the Teetor Adding Machine Company was located, causing around half a million dollar in damages.
In 1922 the Teetor Adding Machine had moved to Los Angeles, and built a factory in Pomona. By March 1923 the building had been completed, and production started around August 1923. According to an article from February 5 1924, they were looking for another location. What happened after that, I was unable to find, but they had become inoperative and void by March 17 1926.

I also found Martin Teetor tied to the start of the Butler Machinery Company in Des Moines, but I do not know if it is the same man.

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NEW COMPANY INCORPORATED.

The Butler Machinery Company has been incorporated at Des Moines, Ia., with a capital stock of $2,500, to engage in the manufacture of a self feeder and band cutter, the patent for which was recently purchased by H. S. Butler, one of the incorporators. Quarters have been engaged in which a factory will be started at once. A few of the machines will be manufactured this year and put on the market. The incorporators are H. S. Butler, general agent at Des Moines for the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company; Martin Teetor, H. Baker and W. J. Cowles.

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New Self Feeder Co.

The Butler Machinery Co. has recently been incorporated at Des Moines, Iowa, by H. S. Butler, Martin Teetor, W. H. Baker and W. J. Cowles.

The company has been organized to develop and place on the market a self feeder attachment for threshing machines, the patent for which was recently purchased by Mr. Butler, and has engaged quarters on Court avenue, near West Second, in which a factory will be opened at once.

Even some aspirants to the name "trade journal" tread dangerously near the line of demonstration that divides the true trade paper from the fake sheet. And the line is no invisible imaginary one at that it; is a chasm.

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